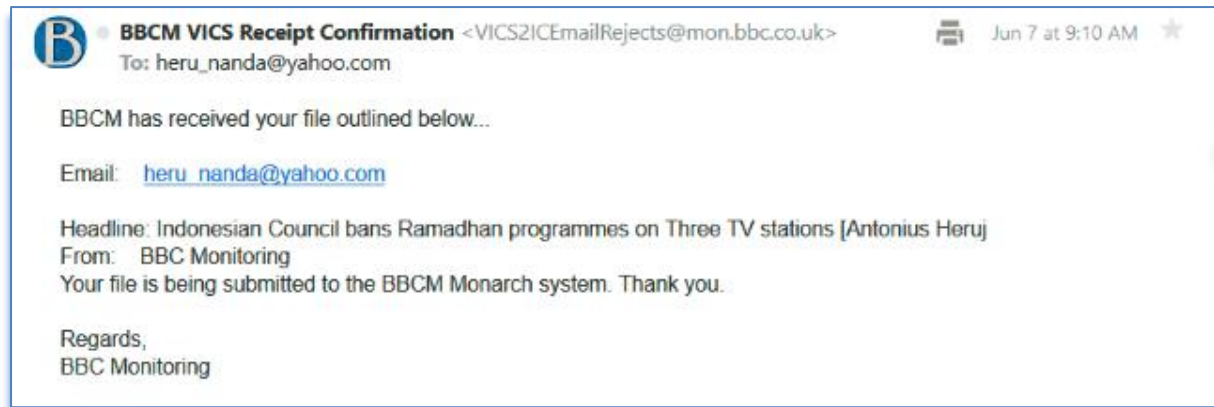


Indonesian Council Bans Ramadhan Programmes on Three TV Stations



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Four commissions of MUI or the Indonesian Muslim Council (namely, the Commission of *Infokom*, *Fatwa*, *Dakwah*, and that of *Kajian & Pendidikan*) have monitored as many as 15 Indonesian TV stations during the first ten days of the holy fasting month of Ramadhan.

Mentioning the sixth features to follow and implement in their Ramadhan programmes, the secretary of Research and Educational Commission of MUI Rida HR Salamah said Tuesday (on 6 June) that MUI had urged three Indonesian TV stations to stop airing their Ramadhan Programmes.

According to her, the three stations have violated one or more features to follow such as to follow broadcasting regulations, to be in line with related MUI's fatwa [religious rulings], to have appropriate communication and da'wah, and to highlight Islamic moral values.

She also said that MUI had recommended that some programmes be stopped and that some stations be imposed strong sanctions.

Explaining that some stations had, indeed, come to MUI office, discussing their Ramadhan programmes weeks before Ramadhan, she said, however, that some of them had still carried their programmes against the so-called Ramadhan spirit.

She also mentioned some of the inappropriate programmes such as "*Ramadhan di Rumah Uya* or Spending Ramadhan at Uyah's home" (Trans 7), "*Brownis Sahur* or Brownis Style of Having Break Fast" (Trans TV), "*Ngabuburit Happy* or Waiting for Break Fast" (Trans TV), "*Sahurnya Pesbukers* or Perbukers Break Fast Style" (ANTV), and "*Pesbukers Ramadhan* or Ramadhan of Pesbukers" (ANTV).

Source: Zahid, eramuslim.com/berita/nasional/mui-minta-program-ramadhan-di-3-stasiun-televisi-ini-dihentikan.htm, "*MUI Minta Program Ramadhan di 3 Stasiun Televisi Ini Dihentikan (MUI demands Ramadhan Programmes of three TV stations be stopped)*", in *Indonesian*, 6 June 18.

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